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The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003.

Amendment to the Abstract appears on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the title appears on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	18	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
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		Fee for extension of time			\$110.00
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Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$110.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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